

YIII. (LXVIL)

The *EisJd* is MAOJSTA tlie son of SAiniADA,¹ or MlmrA
 the son of
 MITSa and VAETJJTA, or some fishes (*matsydh*)
 caught in a net.
 The deities are tlie ADITTAS ; the metre is
Gayatri.

1. "We solicit for protection those *Kshatriyas*,
 the Yarga LI.

ADITYAS, who bless (their votaries)
 abundantly to
 the attainment of their desires.

2. May the *Adityas*, MITRA, VAROTA, and ABYA-
 MAN, bear us across our distress, as they
 know it
 well.

3. To those *Adityas* belongs wonderful
 wealth,
 worthy of all praise, (laid np) for the offerer
 of
 oblations and the sacrificer.

4. Ye are great, VAETOA, MITBA, and AHYAMAIT,
 and great is your protection; your protections
 we
 implore,

5. *Adityas* ^ hasten to us ere our death,
 while we
 ar6 yet alive ; where² are ye, hearers of
 prayer ?

6* Whatever wealth, whatever dwelling is
 yours Yaro.a ^j
 (to give) to the wearied offerer of libations? —
 with
 these speak to us a kindly answer.

6. Great, O deities, is (the guilt) of the
 sinner,
 but to the sinless is happiness; *Adityas*,
 ye are
 void of sin.

7. Let not the snare bind us; may IITOEa,
 the

¹ See Prof. Aufrecht in his edition of the Eig Yeda, p.
 477,
 (but cf. Prof. Hiiller's transl. Pref. p. bdv).

² Sayana takes *fat* as *fo*, "who?" hut the STinikta (vi. 27) explains it as *kwa*.